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Some Problems Looming for UTILITY in Bonn

1. We are beginning to get indications that the period when UTILITY can rest on his laurels and enjoy the life of a country squire in Pullach, his great battles fought and won, may be drawing to a close. His old enemy, Achim Oster, has been whispering into Strauss' ear, and he has not been whispering sweet nothings. The burden of his Flueterlieder has been that a Minister of Defense cannot afford to be dependent for intelligence collection upon a civilian organization not under his control. He should have his own, and Achim Oster would be just the man to head it. Strauss buys the idea if not, as we are told, the man. Oster has also made Strauss aware of the number of UTILITY men, including particularly alias WIELAND, by whom he is surrounded in key positions. The foregoing we have from a clandestine source in Bonn, and it has recently been confirmed in general by UTILITY himself, who adds the previously well-thought of de Meziere as one of the devil's advocates.

2. Another annoyance is Kielmannsegg, who continues to poison the well from Paris. UTILITY has recently asked to be put into touch with General Schweitzer in Paris--which we shall arrange through General Willems--in order to shortstop the Kielmannsegg-Ministry channel. Nor are his troubles on the military side alone.

3. The Foreign Office is reported to be peeved about the UPSWING-UPTRUST political reporting channel, and those of UPSWING's reports which received dissemination in the Foreign Office are not highly regarded. UTILITY's position in this sector is not strong, and it may be further weakened if von Eckart succeeds in moving himself in between C and UPTRUST, as appears to be his intention. A scheme of working out national estimates along the American model might remove some of the difficulties. But as long as UPTRUST has an appetite for them, UTILITY must contribute political reports, and as long as he does so, there will be resentment from the Foreign Office.

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